Salem County Board of Taxation

The April 3rd, 2013 Monthly Meeting of the Salem County Board of Taxation was called to order by President Steven Caltabiano at 8:30 a.m.

Compliance with The Open Public Meeting Act was recognized. A roll call of Tax Board members indicated that all members were present. Commissioner Hall attended telephonically.

The meeting minutes for March were presented for review and approved on a motion by Commissioner Voros/Connor 5-0.

No significant correspondence was received in the past month.

Administrator John Snyder informed the Board that we received 479 Tax Appeals by the April 1st, 2013 deadline. John presented a tentative appeal schedule with corresponding dates in which appeals will be heard. John requested and the Board approved a 5:00pm start time for this year's hearings. John requested and the Board approved reserving June 25th, 2013 at 9:00am as an additional full day of hearings to accommodate appeal volume in Pennsville. Previously scheduled evening hearings on June 25th will be reserved to hear County wide postponements. President Caltabiano directed the Administrator to publish hearing dates in local newspaper as required by statute. John reviewed the Tax Appeal Worksheets and the Chapter 123 Corridor ruling in the North Brunswick v Gochal ruling and how we can avoid that problem.

Under the Presidents report President Caltabiano addressed the Boards handling of paid third party services that provide evidence to petitioners. Steve proposed that the Board policy will be to give weight to comparables presented by appellants on a case by case basis on the quality of the evidence. Motion was approved by Connor/Hiles 5-0.

Under New Business Mr Snyder thanked Kathy McAllister for her efforts during the past appeal season and informed the Board that Kathy is a vital part of our team effort and is the public face of the Tax Board to the citizens of Salem County.

Under Unfinished Business Administrator Snyder informed the Board that since the County budget has not been introduced he is uncertain as to what the County will appropriate for Board Operating Expenses for 2013.

There being no members of the public present and no public comments offered the meeting was adjourned Voros/Connor 5-0.

It was announced that the next Board Meeting would be Wednesday, May 1st at 8:30 a.m. in the 110 Fifth Street Tax Board Office.